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Title: Remind Timer Option for Remote TV Location in DSS 2-in-1 Set Top Box
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A. Brief summary of the invention

The Gemini product consists of one physical set top box that decodes the satellite signal for and controls the user interfaces displayed on two different TVs, one of which is local to the physical STB (TV1) and one that is at a remote location (TV2).

This feature would allow the user to indicate that a Remind Timer - a timer created to remind the user about an upcoming event - should appear only on the TV involved in setting up the timer or should appear on both TVs connected to the set top box.

B. Keywords: list keywords or combinations of keywords to guide patent and literature searches. Underline the most important keywords.

DSS, DBS, Satellite TV, 2-in1, Timer, Reminder

C. Brief discussion of the problem solved by the invention.

The Timer Lists for the two TVs will be maintained as independent lists to minimize user confusion in regard to conflicting timers - timers that overlap - and so that if VCR Control is used in the product, there will be no confusion as to which Timer List is associated with the connected VCR.

However, in a 2-in-1 system, such as Gemini, there may be circumstances in which the user wants to be reminded of a programming event regardless of the location used to create that reminder. For example, if the user purchased a PPV in advance of the air time or date, it is very likely that the user will want to be reminded of the start of that event regardless of which TV the user is watching at the time that the PPV event is scheduled to begin. A reminder on a TV in the living room does the user no good if he or she is watching the satellite signal on the TV in the bedroom.

However, there may be other situations in which the user does not want to be reminded of an upcoming event in a location other than that used to create the reminder. For example, if an adult user set up a reminder for an upcoming R movie, he or she might not want to be reminded of that event on the Living Room TV that is also accessible by the children of the household.

This feature would allow the user to indicate that a reminder should appear on only one TV or on both.

D. Discussion of how you or others have implemented similar things in the past, including the manner in which others have attempted to solve the problem. Point out disadvantages and weaknesses in previous practice. Include literature references where available.

I am unaware of any similar products on the market to date. Therefore this invention disclosure solves a new problem that is unique to this product.

- E. Description of the invention, including one or more practical embodiments of the invention in sufficient detail to allow one with ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. Include schematic(s), flow chart(s) and or figures to clarify operation of the invention. Point out important features and items you believe to be new. State advantages of the invention and sacrifices, if any, made to achieve these advantages. Describe any experiments conducted and the results of those experiments.

From the menu system, the user would be able to access a screen to allow him or her to create a new timer / reminder or to edit an existing one. One of the options included in this setup screen would allow the user to indicate that the reminder notice should appear on both TVs.

In the example of Figure 1, this is accomplished by placing a check in the box labeled "Remind me on both TVs". If the user placed a check in this box, then the reminder notice would appear on both screens shortly before the start of the event. If the user left this box blank, then the reminder notice would only appear on the TV that was used to create the reminder.

Figure 1: Timer Setup Screen with Dual Remind Timer Option

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0 Go Back 7

1 Unbreakable

2 Just Shoot Me

3 60 Minutes

4 Brimstone

5 Good vs Evil

6 Sports Night

7 Timer 7

8 Timer 8

Unbreakable Timer 1

Timer type: remind

Channel: 530 ENCMYS

Start time: 9:00 PM

Stop time: 10:50 PM

How often? once

Starting: June 9th (Mon)

☒ Remind me on both TVs

Continue Clear Timer

Note: the intention for Gemini is to auto-tune to the appropriate channel only on the TV that was used to create the reminder; the other TV would present the user with an OSD simply reminding him of the event with an option to tune to the appropriate channel. However other implementations could auto-tune both TVs or neither.

Other implementations might also allow the user to set a default option that would apply to all new reminders or might allow the user to indicate that the reminder should appear on only TV1, on only TV2 or on both by using multiple checkboxes. This would be preferable for future systems that may eventually connect to more than two TVs and would be accomplished by supplying a checkbox for each connected TV.